

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action rejects claims 22-34 as follows: claims 22-27 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by TOGNAZZINI; claims 28-30 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over TOGNAZZINI; and claims 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over TOGNAZZINI in view of HEJNA, Jr.

Applicant has canceled each of the rejected claims, rendering the rejection moot.

The Official Action explicitly states that claims 1-21 and 35-38 are allowed.

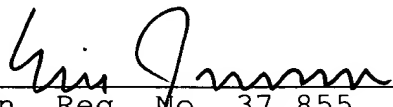
In light of the cancellation of all rejected claims, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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